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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DAS ALAN A. REICH,
JULY 21-24, 1977

1. COMMERCE DAS ALAN A. REICH WAS RECEIVED IN FRIENDLY AND OPEN FASHION BY GOR OFFICIALS. IN DISCUSSIONS AT MINISTRY OF MACHINE BUILDING, MINISTRY OF LIGHT INDURSTRY, AND ROMANIAN BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE, GOR OFFICIALS MAINLY LIMITED COMMENTS TO BROAD AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO OUR BILATERAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TO PRESENTATION OF OVERVIEW OF THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER MARGARITESCU (HELD DURING TWO WORKING LUNCHES AND ONE LENGTHY OFFICE MEETING) WERE SUBSTANTIVE AND PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR REVIEW OF CURRENT MAJOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE CONCERNS. MEETING ALSO HELD WITH THE FOUR NON-ROMANIAN RESIDENT HEADS OF U.S. FIRMS FUNCTIONING IN ROMANIA.

2. FORTHCOMING FOURTH SESSION OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION WAS ONE OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. DAS REICH AGREED TO MARGARITESCU'S SUGGESTION THAT BY MID-SEPTEMBER WE WOULD PROVIDE MFT WITH A PRELIMINARY AGENDA. IN RESPONSE TO REICH'S INQUIRY AS TO WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD BE COVERED, MARGARITESCU MENTIONED FOUR AREAS: A) REVIEW OF BI-LATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS--WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR AND WHAT IS NEEDED (I.E. GOVERNMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIONS CONDUCIVE TO FOSTERING TRADE, SUCH AS MULTI-YEAR MFN REVIEW BY U.S.) TO REACH \$1 BILLION TRADE TARGET BY 1980; B) EARLY PROGNOSIS ON CHANCES OF ISSUING US EXPORT LICENSES ON STRATEGICALLY CONTROLLED ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ROMANIA--GOR INTENSION HERE IS THAT AS CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN WILL SOON BE REACHING HALF-WAY POINT CONTRACT SIGNINGS WILL BE ACCELERATED. EXPORT LICENSING DELAYS ON PART OF US WILL AS IN PAST CAUSE GOR TO

SIGN CONTRACTS WITH OTHER FOREIGN SUPPLIERS. C) WAYS AND MEANS OF EXPANDING COOPERATION ACTIVITIES; D) THIRD COUNTRY COOPERATION PROJECTS--CONTINUAL UP-DATING OF PROJECTS ON PART OF GOR. IN TURN, REICH SAID HE THOUGH COMMISSION MIGHT ALSO ADDRESS FOLLOWING POINTS: A) WAYS OF GETTING US BUSINESSMEN MORE INVOLVED IN AREAS IDENTIFIED BY BOTH GOR AND USG AS BEING OF MUTUAL INTEREST; B) ARRANGE FOR THE JOINT ECONOMIC COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET EITHER BEFORE OR DURING THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION SESSION. PERPOSE IS TO STRENGTHEN ROLE OF THE COUNCIL; C) GOR

PRESENTATION ON ITS LONG TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND THE GOR'S TRADE AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY AS IT RELATES TO THE US; D) REVIEW OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN DEVELOPING A BUSINESS MANAGERS EXCHANGE PROGRAM; E) GOR EXPOSITION ON HOW OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN CONDUCT TRADE WITH ROMANIA.

4. DISCUSSION WITH MANAGERS OF US FIRMS REVOLVED AROUND THEIR PRECEPTIONS OF THE PROBLEMS THEY ENCOUNTER IN DOING BUSINESS IN ROMANIA. BASED ON THE DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT EMBASSY WOULD CIRCULATE AMONG THE MANAGERS A LISTING OF THE CONCERNS MENTIONED AND THEN SUBMIT THESE TO THE DEPARTMENT BY END OF AUGUST. IDEA BEING THAT THESE BE DISCUSSED WITH GOR DURING ONE OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION'S WORKING SESSIONS IN NOVEMBER. WE WILL INCOPORATE THIS LISTING INTO CABLE TO BE SENT BY SEPTEMBER 1 SETTING FORTH EMBASSY PROPOSALS FOR JOINT COMMISSION AGENDA.
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